



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : William Ford et al.  
 Serial No. : 09/990,049  
 Filed : November 21, 2001  
 For : SELECTIVE METALLISATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA METAL NANOPARTICLES PRODUCED IN SITU  
 Examiner : David M. Naff  
 Art Unit : 1651

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	23	Minus	** =24	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	2	Minus	*** =3	* 0 x	\$200(100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid  or is paid herewith .

This response is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a one month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached, which covers the cost of  additional claims  petition for extension of time.

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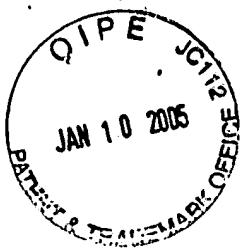
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSTION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 8, 2004, Applicants  
hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the period for response to January

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10, 2005 (January 8, 2005 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed as payment of the fee. The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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